

CSM Russell DeLeon
Command Sergeant Major
53rd Signal Battalion

CSM Russell DeLeon graduated from San Benito High School and enlisted in the Army on October 21, 1986. He attended Basic Training at Fort Knox, Ky., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Ga. Prior to his current position as the battalion command sergeant major, 53rd Signal Battalion, CSM DeLeon served in numerous key leadership positions throughout his 28 years of service in the U.S. Army.

His previous assignments include: 124th Signal Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo.; 125th Signal Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; 286th Signal Company, Fort Bliss, Texas; 414th Signal Company-NATO, Mannheim, Germany; 40th and 86th Signal Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; 32nd Signal Battalion, Darmstadt, Germany; U.S. Army Pacific Command G-6, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; 1st Cavalry Division G-6, Fort Hood, Texas; battalion command sergeant major, 41st Signal Battalion, Seoul, South Korea.



CSM DeLeon's training and deployments include: National Training Center Fort Irwin, Calif.; Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La.; Return of Forces to Germany, Hamburg, Germany, 1991; Team Spirit, Korea, 1993; Camp Doha, Kuwait, 1998; Task Force Hawk, Tirana, Albania, 1999; Operation Enduring Freedom, Djibouti, Africa, 2002; Operation Iraqi Freedom, Balad, Iraq, 2005; and . OEF XII, Bagram, Afghanistan.

CSM DeLeon distinctly served in numerous duty positions including: line-of-sight radio transmissions operator, Radio Access unit team chief, Small Extension Node supervisor, platoon sergeant, unit first sergeant, operations sergeant major, and command sergeant major during deployments in support of OIF and OEF. He recently served as the command sergeant major, 41st Signal Battalion, Seoul, South Korea.

CSM DeLeon's military accomplishments include graduation from the Warriors Leaders Course; Advanced Leaders Course, Seniors Leaders Course, First Sergeants Course, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course NRC-35, and the Pre-Command /CSM Course, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. CSM DeLeon is currently completing a bachelor's degree in the administration of justice.

His military awards include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (second oak leaf cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (fourth oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal (second oak leaf cluster), Good Conduct Medal (ninth award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Bronze Star), Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (second award), Air-Assault Badge, and the Signal Corps Bronze Order of Mercury.

CSM DeLeon is married, and they have one daughter.

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